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SUBJECT: APPRAISAL OF UNICEF PROGRAM

REF: AIDTO CIRCULAR A-182

1. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT HAS VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE AN ASSESSMENT OF UNICEF PROGRAMS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

2. MAJOR UNICEF PROGRAM IN TRINIDAD WAS SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM WHICH TERMINATED IN 1972. ONLY OTHER PROJECTS OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE ARE OCCASIONAL PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INVITATIONS TO TRINIDADIAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS, AND UNICEF SUPPORT FOR CARIBBEAN FOOD AND NUTRITION INSTITUTE.

3. UNICEF PROGRAMS IN TRINIDAD ARE HANDLED BY REGIONAL OFFICE IN BOGOTA; THERE IS NO UNICEF PARTICIPATION IN UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE. THERE IS APPARENTLY VERY LITTLE COORDINATION BETWEEN UNICEF AND OTHER AID DONORS TO TRINIDAD. THE USG IS NOT A BILATEAL DONOR AND HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH UNICEF PERSONNEL SINCE THE TERMINATION OF THE SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM.

4. AS FAR AS EVALUATION OF UNICEF PROGRAMS IS CONCERNED,
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WE KNOW THE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT WAS VERY PLEASED WITH

THE SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM AND REQUESTED ITS EXTENSION BEYOND
THE TIME UNICEF WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MILK. THE
CARIBBEAN FOOD AND NUTRITION INSTITUTE IS VERY WELL REGARDED,
HAS A NUMBER OF WELL-QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, AND SEEMS TO MAKE
EFFECTIVE USE OF ITS RESOURCES.

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